

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 602
By Walley

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Lois Parks for
outstanding community service to Somerville.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body honor those people who through
their endeavors are a credit to their communities; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding person is Lois Parks of Somerville, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, born in Mounds, Illinois, her earliest memories are of a burning desire to
play piano; and

WHEREAS, during her freshman year of high school, her family moved to Cairo, Illinois,
where she served as accompanist for a dancing school, playing piano on a weekly radio show
and singing in the choir at Cairo Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, having earned a R.N. Degree at Methodist School of Nursing, Lois took a
job at Armstrong Clinic in Somerville where she met District Attorney Preston Parks, whom she
married in 1949. Her first son, Hugh, was born in 1952 and her second, Rodney, in 1954. Lois
retired from the nursing profession in 1952; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, Lois began sharing music and secretarial duties at Somerville First
United Methodist Church, and in 1964 she accepted the post of full-time organist at the church;
and

WHEREAS, Lois has shared her talent with the community, playing at weddings, funerals, open houses and in musicals. In the late 1960s she was a member of a local band; and

WHEREAS, for years Lois served as organist for the chapel services at John S. Wilder Youth Development Center. A former president of the Somerville Garden and Arts Club, Lois was named "Woman of the Year" in 1994 by the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the highlight of her distinguished musical career has been to play the organ at John Wesley Chapel in London, England; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Lois Parks for outstanding community service to the people of Somerville.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.